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Enclosed please find a U.S. utility patent application (small entity), including specification, claims, drawing, abstract, declaration of inventors, declarations of small entity status, assignment and fee. Please record the assignment.

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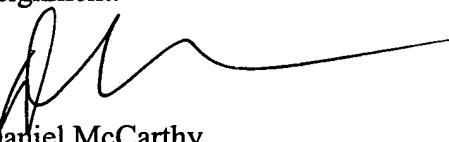
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